

Date of Notice: October 31, 2022

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Right of Entry Permit for San Diego Canyonlands activities

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Citywide

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

LOCATION: City-owned real property managed by the Parks and Recreation Department's Open Space, Community Parks I, Community Parks II, and Developed Regional Parks Divisions; and City-owned real property and undeveloped/paper street Right of Way managed by the Transportation Department.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Right of Entry Permit between the City of San Diego (City) and San Diego Canyonlands, Inc. (Permittee) to increase access, educational opportunities, and ecosystem health throughout City-owned canyon open spaces and undeveloped or paper street City right of ways by performing the following activities, canyon habitat restoration/enhancement including non-native plant removal, native plant planting, wetland habitat restoration, upland habitat restoration, mulching and wood chip spreading, habitat project maintenance, removal of trash, debris and graffiti; improve, and maintain existing, approved trail system to improve safety and increase trail sustainability; and install trailhead, access points, interpretive, way-finding, and commemorative signage. Additionally, the City will review the project scopes and work schedules, the City shall provide written approval or denial of the individual project(s), and as such, no work shall commence on a project without the prior written (which may be by electronic mail) approval by the City contact and City authority.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), Section 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources), Section 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment), and Section 15311(a) (Accessory Structures).

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee.

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review that determined the project would not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting,

leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use; Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes; Section 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources) which consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment; Section 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment) which consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment; and Section 15311(a) (Accessory Structures) which consists of construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities including on-premises signs. Additionally, no work shall commence on a Project without the prior written approval by the City Contact and City Authority. The exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would not apply in that no cumulative impacts were identified; no significant effects on the environment were identified; the project is not adjacent to a scenic highway; no historical resources would be affected by the action; and the project was not identified on a list of hazardous waste sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

CITY CONTACT: Laura Ball, Project Officer II, Parks and Recreation Department

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On October 31, 2022, the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to CEQA. This determination is appealable to the City Council. If you have any questions about this determination, contact the City Contact listed above.

Applications to appeal the CEQA determination to the City Council must be filed with the Office of the Clerk within 10 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**November 15, 2022**). Per the revised Public Notice issued by the Office of the City Clerk on September 28, 2021, appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via e-mail or in-person as follows:

- 1. Appeals filed via Email: Send the appeal by email to Hearings1@sandiego.gov; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 hours. You must separately mail the required appeal fee by check payable to the City Treasurer to: City of San Diego Planning Department, Attn: Greg Johansen, 9485 Aero Drive, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92123. The appeal filing fee must be postmarked within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.
- 2. <u>Appeals filed In-Person:</u> The appeal application can be obtained in the Lobby of the City Administration Building located at 202 'C' Street, San Diego, CA 92101. The completed appeal package must include the required appeal fee in the form of a check payable to the City Treasurer to: City of San Diego Planning Department, Attn: Greg Johansen, 9485 Aero Drive, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92123.

If you have any questions regarding the procedures to file the appeal, please contact **Greg Johansen** at

gjohansen@sandiego.gov. The revised Public Notice can be found here: https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/office of the city clerk public notice rev09252020 v2.pdf.

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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